(b) and (c) The amount spent during the last five years on VVIPs/Politicians medicare abroad is Rs. 7,15,96,223/-, U.K. Pound 85,998.59 and US $ 48,526.29. Each case was decided on its merits.

(d) Applications of Central Government servants holding CGHS cards who are desirous of taking medical treatment outside India are considered on merit of each case.

(e) The question does not arise.

Mobile police posts in South Central Railway

*98. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mobile police posts have been functioning in South Central Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the facility is likely to be extended to other Divisions, especially for trains passing through Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. One Mobile Police Post of Government Railway Police is functioning in Train No. 7007/7008 Godavari Express between Hyderabad-Visakhapatnam-Hyderabad. As regards provision of Mobile Police Posts in other Divisions, the State Government concerned is required to take a decision. However, Mobile Police Posts are already functioning in many trains passing through Bihar.

Financial crisis in Delhi University

*99. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the severe financial crisis in the Delhi University which is practically on the brink of bankruptcy;

(b) if so, what, according to Government's assessment, are the main causes of such a situation;

(c) the reasons by Government or UGC have failed to meet its financial needs;

(d) the details of various projects of the University affected due to financial crunch; and

(e) what measures have been taken by Government to retrieve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (e) As in other sectors, the allocation of funds in the central sector for education has not been fully commensurate with the overall requirement. This finds reflection in the higher education sector as well. Despite this fact, all efforts are made to provide adequate funds to the University Grants Commission (UGC). UGC in turn makes grants available to Central and State Universities, Deemed Universities as well as Delhi Colleges.

Delhi University being a Central University is funded by the UGC. During the last three year 96-97, 97-98 and 98-99 the following funds have been provided to the University:

Year	Funds Released (Rs. in lakhs)
96-97	4433.39
97-98	5318.10
98-99	9723.61

This shows a clear incremental pattern. The figure of 98-99 included an amount of Rs. 25.18 crores as the accumulated deficit of previous years and Rs. 8.83 crores as the arrears of pay. If these one-time payments are excluded, the normal base for projection would be around Rs. 63.22 crores.

The Government through UGC has not only been meeting almost all the maintenance expenses of the University, but has also been providing funds towards all arrears being paid to the University teaching and non-teaching staff arising due to the generous rise in their salary structure.

For the year 1999-2000, a requirement of Rs. 94.40 crores had been projected by the Delhi University. This included Rs. 57 crores on account of salary expenses, Rs. 23.4 crores for non-salary expenses and Rs. 14 crores for retirement benefits. As the University had an opening balance of Rs. 16 crores and estimated internal receipts of Rs. 8 crores, its net financial requirement for the year was estimated by the UGC at Rs. 70.40 crores. Against this, an amount of Rs. 57.61 crores (81.83%) had been released by the first week of November to the University of Delhi. Funds were released to the University of Delhi, despite the fact that they had not submitted the Annual Accounts for the year 1996-97 and 1997-98, which are to be laid before the Parliament and on the submission of which release of funds is generally contingent.

From the above figures, it is abundantly clear that there is no financial crisis in the University of Delhi.